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CHAPTER I—UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

PART 20—MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING

Open Seasons, Bag Limits, and Possession of Certain Migratory Game Birds

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of July 3, 1918 (40 Stat. 755; 16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.), as amended, authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Interior, having due regard for the zones of temperature and for the distribution, abundance, economic value, breeding habits, and times and lines of flight of migratory game birds, to determine when, to what extent, and by what means such birds or any part, nest, or egg thereof may be taken, captured, killed, possessed, sold, purchased, shipped, carried, or transported.

The process relating to the establishment of migratory bird hunting regulations in the United States involves a series of regulatory documents published in the FEDERAL REGISTER in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The publication of these documents is divided into three phases, as follows:

1. Proposed rulemaking—proposals to amend Subpart K, Part 20, Subchapter B, Chapter I, Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, including proposed migratory game bird hunting regulations and/or regulations frameworks which prescribe season lengths, bag limits, shooting hours, and outside dates within which States may make season selections.

2. Final rulemaking—final migratory game bird hunting regulations and/or final regulations frameworks which prescribe season lengths, bag limits, shooting hours, and outside dates within which States may make season selections.

Generally, in phases 1 and 2, no reference is made in the documents to specifically numbered sections of Part 20, Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

3. Final rulemaking—Amendments to the various specific sections of Subpart K, Part 20, Subchapter B, Chapter I, Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, based on the final migratory game bird hunting regulations and the final regulations frameworks and on season selections made and communicated by the States to the Service.

Accordingly, on May 8, 1975, there was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (40 FR 20090) a notice of proposed rule making to amend Part 20 of Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. These amendments would specify open seasons, shooting hours, and bag and possession limits for doves, pigeons, rails, gallinules, woodcock, common (Wilson's) snipe, coots, cranes, swans and waterfowl; coots, cranes, common (Wilson's) snipe and waterfowl in Alaska; and certain sea ducks in coastal waters of certain eastern States. Included in that proposed rule making were *Proposed 1975–76 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations (Part)* which consisted of general frameworks and guidelines which ordinarily do not depend on the results of spring and summer surveys. A 30-day public comment period was allowed, ending June 7, 1975, and was extended to June 25, 1975, through publication in the June 9, 1975, FEDERAL REGISTER (40 FR 24527).

On June 24, 1975, the Annual Regulations Conference for Migratory Shore and Upland Game Birds, an advisory committee, convened in Washington, D.C., in accordance with notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on June 6, 1975 (40 FR 24368), to review the status of mourning doves, woodcock, band-tailed pigeons, white-winged doves, rails, gallinules, and common snipe and discuss proposed hunting regulations for the 1975–76 hunting season. The meeting was open to the public and statements in writing were solicited. Time was provided for oral statements from the public during the course of the meeting.

On July 2, 1975, there were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (40 FR 27943) *Proposed Regulations Frameworks for the 1975–76 Hunting Seasons on Certain Migratory Game Birds* and proposed amendments to paragraph (d) of § 20.105, Subpart K, Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, pertaining to seasons, limits and shooting hours for Canada geese in the Horicon Zone of Wisconsin. The proposed frameworks contained more specific information than the May 8, 1975, proposal (40 FR 20090) and set forth outside season dates within which hunting seasons could be selected, season length, shooting hours, and bag and possession limits, and areas to be hunted. A 15-day public comment period was allowed, ending July 17, 1975.

On August 5, 1975, the annual meeting of the Director's Waterfowl Advisory Committee convened in Washington, D.C., in accordance with the notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on July 10, 1975 (40 FR 29096) to review the staff recommendations of the Fish and Wildlife Service for 1975–76 waterfowl regulations, and present to the Director their recommendations for 1975–76 waterfowl season frameworks. The meeting was open to the public and statements in writing were solicited. Time was provided for oral statements from the public during the course of the meeting.

On August 6, 1975, there were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (40 FR 33016) *Final 1975–76 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations (Part), Final Regulations Frameworks for 1975–76 Hunting Seasons on Certain Migratory Game Birds*, and final rulemaking on amendments to § 20.105 concerning seasons, limits and shooting hours for Canada geese in the Horicon Zone of Wisconsin. The final frameworks prescribed season lengths, bag limits, shooting hours, and outside dates within which States could make season selections for mourning and white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeons, rails, woodcock, snipe, gallinules, teal (September only), sea ducks (Atlantic Flyway only), and all species in Alaska. Final rulemaking on all other waterfowl items or portions thereof listed in the May 8, 1975, proposal (40 FR 20090) was deferred pending receipt and review by Service and State officials of spring and summer survey data. Differences between the May 8, 1975, proposal (40 FR 20090) and July 2, 1975, proposed frameworks (40 FR 27943) and the final rulemaking were described and explained in this document (40 FR 33016; August 6, 1975).

On August 15, 1975, there were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (40 FR 34361) *Proposed Regulations Frameworks for 1975–76 Hunting Seasons on Waterfowl, Coots, and Gallinules; Cranes in Parts of North Dakota, South Dakota, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Montana, and Wyoming; and for Common Snipe in the Pacific Flyway*, with a 10-day public comment period allowed, ending August 25, 1975. Waterfowl items from the May 8, 1975, proposal (40 FR 20090) for which final rulemaking was deferred were repeated, and in some cases enlarged, in the August 15, 1975, proposal (40 FR 34361). Proposed regulations frameworks for lesser sandhill cranes were also repeated, and on August 21, 1975, there were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (40 FR 36572) proposed amendments to the lesser sandhill crane frameworks to add bag and possession limits for the States of North Dakota and South Dakota, to add the proposed Federal permit requirement for hunting sandhill cranes, and to amend Section 20.106 of Part 20, Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations by adding paragraph (g). A 10-day public comment period was allowed, ending August 31, 1975, for the sandhill crane portion of the proposed frameworks.

On August 19, 1975, and based upon the August 6, 1975, final rulemaking (40 FR 33016), there was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (40 FR 36121) final rulemaking amending certain sections of Subpart K, Part 20, Subchapter B, Chapter I, Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, specifying season dates, bag and possession limits, and shooting hours for mourning and white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeons, rails, woodcock, snipe, gallinules, teal (September only), sea ducks (Atlantic Flyway only), and all species in Alaska. Although the August 6, 1975, final regulations and final frameworks (40 FR 33016) prescribed season lengths, bag limits, shooting hours, and outside dates within which States could make season selections, it still remained for the States to make their selections and to communicate those selections to the Service so that the Service, in turn, could publish these selections as final rulemaking, amending the related sections of Part 20, Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, containing tables, by Flyways and States, for the species in question.

On September 5, 1975, there were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (40 FR 41096) *Final Regulations Frameworks for 1975–76 Hunting Seasons on Waterfowl, Coots, and Gallinules; Cranes in Parts of North Dakota, South Dakota, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Montana, and Wyoming; and for Common Snipe in the Pacific Flyway*, prescribing season lengths, bag limits, shooting hours, and outside dates within which States could make season selections. In the portion of this document dealing with lesser sandhill cranes, it was noted that

proposed additions to the lesser sandhill crane section regarding daily bag and possession limits in North and South Dakota, plus the proposed requirement for a Federal permit for hunting sandhill cranes, had been published in the FEDERAL REGISTER dated August 21, 1975 (40 FR 35472). Differences between the May 8, 1975, proposal (40 FR 20090) and August 15, 1975, proposed frameworks (40 FR 34361) and the final rulemaking were described and explained in this document (40 FR 41096; September 5, 1975).

On September 10, 1975, there were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (40 FR 42015) *Final Regulations Frameworks for 1975–76 Hunting Seasons on Lesser Sandhill (little brown) Cranes in Parts of North Dakota, South Dakota, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Montana, and Wyoming*, and final rulemaking amending Section 20.106, Subpart K, Part 20, Subchapter B, Chapter I to Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, by adding paragraph (g). In these final frameworks were incorporated the bag and possession limits for North Dakota and South Dakota and the Federal permit requirement for hunting lesser sandhill cranes in those States allowing crane hunting. Differences between the May 8, 1975, proposal (40 FR 20090), August 15, 1975, proposed frameworks (40 FR 34361) and August 21, 1975, proposed amendment (40 FR 36572) and final rulemaking were described and explained in this document (40 FR 42015; September 10, 1975).

In this connection, the *Final Environmental Statement for the Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Sport Hunting of Migratory Birds (FES 75–54)* was filed with the Council on Environmental Quality on June 6, 1975, and notice of availability was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on June 13, 1975 (40 FR 25241).

Environmental assessments have been prepared on:

Proposed Open Season on Atlantic Brant
Proposed Open Season on Greater Snow Geese
Environmental Impact Assessment of Extension of Length of Duck Hunting Season in Western Louisiana.

Having reviewed these assessments, the Director has concluded that environmental impact statements are not necessary and has signed negative declarations setting forth that conclusion.

The taking of the designated species of migratory birds is prohibited unless specifically authorized. These amendments will permit taking of the designated species within specified periods of time beginning as early as October 1, as has been the case in past years, and benefit the public by relieving existing restrictions.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is of the view that, although the rulemaking process for migratory bird hunting must, by its nature, operate under severe time constraints, every attempt should be made to give the public the greatest possible opportunity to comment on the regulations; thus, when the August 15, 1975 (40 FR 34361) and August 21, 1975 (40 FR 36572) proposed rulemakings were published, the Service established what it believed were the longest periods possible for public comment. In doing this, the Service recognized that at the period's close, time would be of the essence. That is, if there were a delay in the effective date of these regulations after this final rulemaking, the Service is of the opinion that the printing and distribution of Federal and State regulatory announcements would be delayed to the extent that hunters would not have these regulatory announcements in time for the beginning of the hunting seasons. The Service therefore finds that "good cause" exists, within the terms of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and these regulations will, therefore take effect immediately upon publication.

Accordingly, each State game department having had an opportunity to participate in selecting the hunting seasons desired for its State on those species of migratory birds for which open seasons are now to be prescribed, and consideration having been given by the Fish and Wildlife Service to all other relevant matters presented, certain sections of Subpart K, Part 20, Subchapter B, Chapter I, Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, are amended as indicated below.

AUTHORITY: Migratory Bird Treaty Act of July 3, 1918, as amended (40 Stat. 755; 16 U.S.C. 703–711).

Effective date: September 29, 1975.

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Section 20.104 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.104 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for rails, woodcock, and common snipe (Wilson's).

(a) Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, the areas open to hunting, the respective open seasons (dates inclusive), the shooting hours, and the daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows.

(b) The season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours published in this section in the FEDERAL REGISTER of August 19, 1975 (40 FR 36121) have been expanded to include season dates for previously deferred seasons and to include snipe season dates for the Pacific Flyway.

	Rails (Sora and Virginia)	Rails (King and Clapper)	Woodcock	Common Snipe (Wilson's)
Daily bag limit	[1] 25	See footnote 2	5	8
Possession limit	[1] 25	See footnote 2	10	16
Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset daily on all species.				
CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.				
Seasons in the Atlantic Flyway:				
Connecticut	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Oct. 18–Dec. 13	Oct. 18–Dec. 13.
Delaware	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Oct. 18–Nov. 5 Nov. 17–Jan. 1	Oct. 18–Nov. 5. Nov. 17–Jan. 1.
Florida	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Dec. 20–Feb. 29	Nov. 8–Feb. 22.
Georgia	Sept. 6–Nov. 14	Sept. 6–Nov. 14	Nov. 20–Jan. 23	Nov. 20–Jan. 23.
Maine: [3]				
Management units 1 and 2.	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Closed	Sept. 24–Nov. 15	Sept. 24–Nov. 15.
Management units 3 to 8.	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Closed	Oct. 1–Nov. 15	Oct. 1–Nov. 15.
Maryland	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Oct. 4–Dec. 6	Oct. 4–Nov. 28. Dec. 8–Dec. 16.
Massachusetts	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 10–Nov. 30	Sept. 1–Nov. 4.
New Hampshire	Closed	Closed	Sept. 27–Nov. 30	Sept. 27–Nov. 30.
New Jersey [4]	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Oct. 11–Dec. 6 Dec. 20–Dec. 27	Oct. 8 [5]–Nov. 1. Nov. 26 [5]–Jan. 3.
New York: [3] [5]				
Northern zone	Sept. 1–Nov. 4	Closed	Sept. 20–Nov. 23	Sept. 1–Nov. 4.
Southern zone	Sept. 1–Nov. 4	Closed	Oct. 1–Nov. 23	Sept. 1–Nov. 4.
Long Island area	Closed	Closed	Oct. 1–Nov. 23	Closed.
North Carolina	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Nov. 22–Jan. 24	Nov. 22–Jan. 24.
Pennsylvania	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Closed	Oct. 11–Nov. 29	Oct. 11–Nov. 29.
Rhode Island	Sept. 22–Nov. 30	Sept. 22–Nov. 30	Oct. 18–Dec. 5 Dec. 15–Dec. 30	Oct. 18–Dec. 5. Dec. 15–Dec. 30.
South Carolina	Sept. 2–Nov. 10	Sept. 2–Nov. 10	Nov. 27–Jan. 30	Dec. 13–Jan. 24. Feb. 7–Feb. 28.
Vermont	Sept. 27–Dec. 5	Closed	Sept. 27–Nov. 30	Sept. 27–Nov. 30.
Virginia	Sept. 13–Nov. 21	Sept. 13–Nov. 21	Oct. 31–Jan. 3	Nov. 11–Jan. 14.
West Virginia	Oct. 11–Dec. 19	Closed	Oct. 11–Dec. 13	Oct. 11–Dec. 13.
Seasons in the Mississippi Flyway:				
Alabama	Nov. 12–Jan. 20	Nov. 12–Jan. 20	Nov. 28–Jan. 31	Dec. 26–Feb. 28.
Arkansas	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Dec. 1–Feb. 3	Dec. 1–Feb. 3.
Illinois	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 15–Dec. 15	Oct. 15–Dec. 15.
Indiana	Sept. 6–Nov. 14	Closed	Sept. 20–Nov. 23	Sept. 20–Nov. 23.
Iowa	Sept. 6–Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 13–Nov. 16	Sept. 20–Nov. 23.
Kentucky	Nov. 12–Jan. 20	Closed	Oct. 10–Dec. 5 Dec. 13–Dec. 20	Oct. 10–Dec. 5. Dec. 13–Dec. 20.
Louisiana	Nov. 1–Jan. 9	Nov. 1–Jan. 9	Dec. 6–Feb. 8	Dec. 6–Feb. 8.
Michigan: [3]				
Zone 1	Sept. 15–Nov. 14	Closed	Sept. 15–Nov. 13	Sept. 15–Nov. 14.
Zone 2	Oct. 8 [5]–Nov. 14	Closed	Sept. 15–Nov. 14	Oct. 8 [5]–Nov. 14.
Zone 3	Oct. 8 [5]–Nov. 14	Closed	Oct. 20–Nov. 14	Oct. 8 [5]–Nov. 14.
Minnesota	Sept. 1–Nov. 4	Closed	Sept. 1–Nov. 4	Sept. 1–Nov. 4.
Mississippi	Nov. 1–Jan. 9	Nov. 1–Jan. 9	Dec. 13–Feb. 15	Dec. 13–Feb. 15.
Missouri	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 1–Dec. 4	Oct. 1–Dec. 44.
Ohio	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Closed	Sept. 12–Nov. 15	Sept. 12–Nov. 15.
Tennessee	Dec. 3 [5]–Jan. 20	Closed	Sept. 27–Nov. 30	Dec. 25–Feb. 27.
Wisconsin	Oct. 1 [5]–Nov. 19	Closed	Sept. 13–Nov. 16	Oct. 1 [5]–Dec. 4.

Footnotes at end of article.

	Rails (Sora and Virginia)	Rails (King and Clapper)	Woodcock	Common Snipe (Wilson's)
Seasons in the Central Flyway:				
Colorado [6]	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Nov. 4.
Kansas	Sept. 13–Nov. 21	Closed	Oct. 11–Dec. 14	Sept. 13–Nov. 16.
Montana [6]	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed.
Nebraska	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 15–Nov. 18.
New Mexico [6]	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 28–Dec. 31.
North Dakota	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 20–Nov. 23.
Oklahoma	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Nov. 20–Jan. 23	Oct. 25–Dec. 28.
South Dakota	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Oct. 31.
Texas	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Nov. 15–Jan. 18	Nov. 15–Jan. 18.
Wyoming [6]	Oct. 4–Dec. 12	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4–Nov. 2. Nov. 20–Dec. 24.
Seasons in the Pacific Flyway:				
Arizona	Closed	Closed	Closed	Nov. 15–Jan. 18.
California: [3]				
Tule Lake	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11–Jan. 11.
Colorado River area.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4–Oct. 31. Nov. 15–Jan. 18.
Remainder of State.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 18–Jan. 18.
Colorado [7]	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4–Oct. 17. Nov. 1–Jan. 18.
Idaho: [3]				
Columbia Basin	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4–Jan. 11.
Remainder of State.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4–Jan. 4.
Montana [7]	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4–Jan. 4.
Nevada:				
Clark and Lincoln Counties.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Nov. 15–Jan. 18.
Remainder of State.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4–Jan. 4.
New Mexico [7]	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4–Jan. 4.
Oregon: [3]				
Columbia Basin	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11–Jan. 18.
Remainder of State.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11–Jan. 11.
Utah	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4–Jan. 4.
Washington: [3]				
Columbia Basin	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11–Jan. 18.
Remainder of State.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11–Jan. 11.
Wyoming [7]	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4–Jan. 4.

[1] The bag and possession limits for sora and Virginia rails apply singly or in the aggregate of these two species.
[2] In addition to the limits on sora and Virginia rails, in the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Rhode Island, there is a daily bag limit of 10 and possession limit of 20 king and clapper rails, singly or in the aggregate of these two species, and in the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia, there is a daily bag limit of 15 and possession limit of 30 king and clapper rails, singly or in the aggregate of these two species.
[3] For description of zones or management units within a State, see the State's regulations.
[4] In New Jersey the season for woodcock is closed on November 7 and reopens on November 8 at 9 a.m., and the season for king rails is closed.
[5] In the State of New York, shooting hours for woodcock are sunrise until sunset daily.
[6] Seasons apply to Central Flyway portion of State only.
[7] Seasons apply to Pacific Flyway portion of State only.

*NOTE.—Season opens at noon local time.

Section 20.105 is amended as follows:

§ 20.105 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for waterfowl, coots, and gallinules.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, the areas open to hunting, the respective open seasons (dates inclusive), the shooting hours, and the daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

(a) *Sea Ducks.* (1) An open season for taking scoter, eider, and oldsquaw ducks is prescribed according to the following table during the period between September 1, 1975, and January 20, 1976, in all coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge in the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut; in those coastal waters of the State of New York lying in Long Island and Block Island Sounds and associated bays eastward from a line running between Miamogue Point in the Town of Riverhead to Red Cedar Point in the Town of Southampton, including any ocean waters of New York lying south of Long Island; in any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and, in addition, in any tidal waters of any bay which are separated by at least one mile of open water from any shore, island, and emergent vegetation in the States of New Jersey, South Carolina, and Georgia; and in any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and/or in any tidal waters of any bay which are separated by at least 800 yards of open water from any shore, island, and emergent vegetation in the States of Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia: *Provided, That* any such areas have been described, delineated, and designated as special sea duck hunting areas under the hunting regulations adopted by the respective States. In all other areas of these States and in all other States in the Atlantic Flyway, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular open season for ducks.

(2) The daily bag limit is 7 and the possession limit 14, singly or in the aggregate of these species. During the regular duck season in the Atlantic Flyway, States may set in addition to the limits prescribed for such seasons a daily bag limit of 7 and possession limit of 14 scoter, eider, and oldsquaw ducks, singly or in the aggregate of these species.

(3) Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset daily.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

Seasons in:	
Connecticut	Sept. 27–Jan. 10.
Delaware	Sept. 20–Dec. 10. Dec. 17–Jan. 10.
Georgia	Nov. 19*–Jan. 20.
Maine	Oct. 4–Jan. 18.
Maryland	Oct. 3–Jan. 17.
Massachusetts	Sept. 20–Jan. 4.
New Hampshire	Sept. 20–Jan. 4.
New Jersey	Sept. 19–Jan. 3.
New York	Sept. 24–Jan. 8.
North Carolina	Oct. 4–Jan. 17.
Rhode Island	Oct. 1–Jan. 15.
South Carolina	Oct. 6–Jan. 20.
Virginia	Oct. 1–Jan. 14.

*NOTE.—Season opens at noon local time.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Part 20, the shooting of *crippled* waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted in the States of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland in those areas described, delineated, and designated in their respective hunting regulations as being open to sea duck hunting.

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(c) *Gallinules.*

Daily bag limit	15
Possession limit	30

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

Seasons in the Atlantic Flyway:	
Connecticut	Sept. 1–Nov. 8.
Delaware	Sept. 1–Nov. 8.
Florida [1]	Sept. 1–Nov. 9.
Georgia	Nov. 19*–Jan. 20.
Maine	Sept. 1–Nov. 8.
Maryland	Sept. 1–Nov. 8.
Massachusetts	Sept. 1–Nov. 9.
New Hampshire	Closed.
New Jersey	Sept. 1–Nov. 8.
New York:	
Northern & Southern Zones	Sept. 1–Nov. 4.
Long Island Area	Closed.
North Carolina	Sept. 1–Nov. 8.
Pennsylvania	Sept. 1–Nov. 8.
Rhode Island	Sept. 22–Nov. 30.
South Carolina	Sept. 2–Nov. 10.
Vermont	Sept. 27–Dec. 5.
Virginia	Nov. 26*–Jan. 14.
West Virginia	Oct. 11–Dec. 19.
Seasons in the Mississippi Flyway:	
Alabama	Nov. 12–Jan. 20.
Arkansas	Nov. 7–Jan. 15.
Illinois	Closed.
Indiana	Sept. 6–Nov. 14.
Iowa	Closed.
Kentucky	Nov. 12–Jan. 20.
Louisiana	Sept. 20–Nov. 28.
Michigan	Oct. 8*–Nov. 26.
Minnesota	Oct. 1*–Nov. 19.
Mississippi	Nov. 1–Jan. 9.
Missouri	Sept. 1–Nov. 9.
Ohio	Sept. 1–Nov. 8.
Tennessee	Dec. 3–Jan. 20.
Wisconsin	Oct. 1*–Nov. 19.

Seasons in the Central Flyway:

Colorado [2]	Closed.
Kansas	Closed.
Montana [2]	Closed.
Nebraska	Closed.
New Mexico [2]	Oct. 28–Jan. 5.
North Dakota	Closed.
Oklahoma	Sept. 1–Nov. 9.
South Dakota	Closed.
Texas	Sept. 1–Nov. 9.
Wyoming [2]	Closed.

Seasons in the Pacific Flyway:

Arizona	Oct. 4–Oct. 31. Nov. 15–Jan. 18.
California:	
Tule Lake Area	Oct. 11–Jan. 11.
Colorado River Area	Oct. 4–Oct. 31. Nov. 15–Jan. 18.
Remainder of State	Oct. 18–Jan. 18.
Colorado [3]	Oct. 4–Oct. 17. Nov. 1–Jan. 18.
Idaho:	
Columbia Basin	Oct. 4–Jan. 11.
Remainder of State	Oct. 4–Jan. 4.
Montana [3]	Oct. 4–Jan. 4.
Nevada:	
Clark and Lincoln Counties.	Oct. 4–Oct. 31. Nov. 15–Jan. 18.
Remainder of State	Oct. 4–Jan. 4.
New Mexico [3]	Oct. 4–Jan. 4.
Oregon:	
Columbia Basin	Oct. 11–Jan. 18.
Remainder of State	Oct. 11–Jan. 11.
Utah	Oct. 4–Jan. 4.
Washington:	
Columbia Basin	Oct. 11–Jan. 18.
Remainder of State	Oct. 11–Jan. 11.
Wyoming [3]	Closed.

[1] The gallinule season in Florida applies to the Florida gallinule only. No open season on purple gallinules in Florida.

[2] Seasons apply to Central Flyway portion of State only.

[3] Seasons apply to Pacific Flyway portion of State only.

*NOTE.—Season opens at noon local time.

(d) *Canada geese in the Horicon Zone.*

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(e) *Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways.*

Atlantic Flyway

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

Flywaywide Restrictions

In all States in the Atlantic Flyway:

Wood ducks—no more than 2 wood ducks may be taken daily nor more than 4 wood ducks may be in possession; in Pennsylvania, the possession limit is 2 wood ducks.

Canvasbacks and redheads—the season is closed on canvasbacks and redheads except in the designated area in Florida.

Hooded mergansers—In States selecting conventional regulations, no more than 1 hooded merganser may be taken daily nor more than 2 hooded mergansers may be in possession.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND DELINEATIONS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WITHIN STATES

The season dates for mergansers and coots are the same as those for ducks in the following tables:

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Connecticut:			
Coastal Area only:			
Ducks	Oct. 15*–Nov. 1; Dec. 10*–Jan. 10	4	8
Including no more than: Black ducks		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Statewide:			
Ducks	Oct. 18–Nov. 1; Dec. 10*–Jan. 10	4	8
Including no more than: Black ducks		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 15*–Nov. 1; Nov. 20–Jan. 10	3	6
Snow (including blue)	Oct. 15*–Nov. 1; Dec. 10–Dec. 20	2	4
Brant	Dec. 12–Jan. 10	4	8
Delaware:			
Ducks	Nov. 5*–Nov. 29; Dec. 17*–Jan. 10	5	10
Including no more than: Black ducks		1	2
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Nov. 5*–Dec. 13; Dec. 17*–Jan. 16	3	6
Snow (including blue)	Nov. 14–Dec. 13	2	4
Brant	Nov. 14–Dec. 13	4	8
Florida:			
Ducks (except canvasback/redhead)	Nov. 26*–Dec. 10; Dec. 17*–Jan. 20	Point system	
Canvasback/redhead [1]	Nov. 26*–Dec. 10; Dec. 17*–Jan. 20	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese	Closed	—	
Georgia:			
Ducks	Nov. 19*–Dec. 3; Dec. 17*–Jan. 20	5	10
Including no more than: Black ducks		1	2
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Closed	—	
Snow (including blue)	Dec. 22–Jan. 20	2	4
Brant	Dec. 22–Jan. 20	4	8
Maine:			
Ducks	Oct. 8*–Nov. 1; Nov. 19*–Dec. 13	4	8
Including no more than: Black ducks	Oct. 11–Nov. 1; Nov. 19*–Dec. 13	2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 8*–Dec. 16	3	6
Snow (including blue)	Oct. 8*–Nov. 1	2	4
Brant	Nov. 10–Dec. 9	4	8
Maryland:			
Ducks	Nov. 5*–Nov. 15; Dec. 10*–Jan. 17	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 31–Nov. 28; Dec. 8–Jan. 17	3	6
Snow (including blue)	Dec. 19–Jan. 17	2	4
Brant	Dec. 19–Jan. 17	4	8
Massachusetts:			
Ducks	Oct. 15 *–Nov. 1; Nov. 26 *–Dec. 27	4	8
Including no more than: Black ducks		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 15 *–Nov. 22; Dec. 11–Jan. 10	3	6
Snow (including blue)	Closed	—	—
Brant	Nov. 10–Nov. 22; Dec. 11–Dec. 27	4	8
New Hampshire:			
Ducks	Oct. 1 *–Oct. 25; Nov. 19 *–Dec. 13	4	8
Including no more than: Black ducks		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 1*–Oct. 25; Nov. 19*–Jan. 2	3	6
Snow (including blue)	Nov. 19*–Dec. 18	2	4
Brant	Nov. 19*–Dec. 18	4	8
New Jersey:			
Ducks	Oct. 8*–Oct. 18; Nov. 26*–Jan. 3	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 8*–Nov. 7; Nov. 26*–Jan. 3	3	6
Snow (including blue) (in Atlantic, Cape May, and Cumberland Counties only).	Nov. 10–Dec. 9	2	4
Brant	Nov. 10–Dec. 9	4	8
New York:			
Long Island area:			
Ducks	Nov. 19*–Jan. 7	4	8
Including no more than: Black ducks		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Nov. 19*–Jan. 20	3	6
Snow (including blue)	Nov. 19*–Dec. 18	2	4
Brant	Nov. 19*–Dec. 18	4	8

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	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Lake Champlain area:			
Ducks	Oct. 8*-Nov. 26	4	8
Including no more than: Black ducks		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 8*-Dec. 16	3	6
Snow (including blue)	Nov. 1-Nov. 30	2	4
Brant	Nov. 10-Dec. 9	4	8
Upstate New York:			
Ducks	Oct. 8*-Nov. 26	5	10
Including no more than: Black ducks		1	2
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 8*-Dec. 16	3	6
Snow (including blue)	Nov. 10-Dec. 9	2	4
Brant	Nov. 10-Dec. 9	4	8
North Carolina:			
Ducks	Oct. 1*-Oct. 4; Nov. 26*-Jan. 10	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Nov. 26*-Jan. 14	1	2
Snow (including blue)	Dec. 16-Jan. 14	2	4
Brant	Dec. 16-Jan. 14	4	8
Pennsylvania:			
Ducks	Oct. 15*-Nov. 22; Dec. 3*-Dec. 13	4	8
Including no more than:			
Black ducks		2	4
Wood ducks		2	2
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada:			
In Crawford County	Oct. 15*-Dec. 6; Jan. 1-Jan. 17	1	2
In remainder of the State		3	6
Snow (including blue)	Oct. 15*-Nov. 13	2	4
Brant	Nov. 10-Dec. 6	4	8
Rhode Island:			
Ducks	Oct. 22*-Oct. 25; Nov. 26*-Jan. 10	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Nov. 12-Jan. 20	3	6
Snow (including blue)	Nov. 12-Dec. 11	2	4
Brant	Nov. 12-Dec. 11	4	8
South Carolina:			
Ducks	Nov. 19*-Nov. 29; Dec. 10*-Jan. 17	5	10
Including no more than: Black ducks		1	2
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Nov. 19*-Nov. 29; Dec. 10*-Jan. 17	1	2
Snow (including blue)	Dec. 19-Jan. 17	2	4
Brant	Dec. 19-Jan. 17	4	8
Vermont:			
Ducks	Oct. 8*-Nov. 26	4	8
Including no more than Black ducks		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 8*-Dec. 16	3	6
Snow (including blue)	Nov. 1-Nov. 30	2	4
Brant	Nov. 10-Dec. 9	4	8
Virginia:			
Ducks	Nov. 26*-Jan. 14	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada:			
Back Bay area	Nov. 26*-Jan. 14	1	2
Remainder of State	Nov. 12-Jan. 20	3	6
Snow (including blue)	Dec. 16-Jan. 14	2	4
Brant	Nov. 12-Dec. 11	4	8
West Virginia:			
Ducks	Oct. 1*-Oct. 18; Dec. 17*-Jan. 17	4	8
Including no more than: Black ducks		2	4
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 1*-Dec. 9	3	6
Snow (including blue)	Dec. 17*-Jan. 15	2	4
Brant	Closed	—	—

[1] The season is closed on canvasback and redhead ducks in Florida except in the areas described as follows: seaward of the mainland shoreline including offshore islands from the northern boundary of Everglades National Park in Collier County north and west to an including Escambia County, but excluding all inland bays and mouths of rivers landward of a line between the most seaward points of the mouth of such bays and rivers; specifically excluded, but not inclusive of all exclusions, are Escambia Bay, Choctawhatchee Bay, West Bay and St. Andrews Bay at Panama City, East Bay at Apalachicola, and Ochlockonee Bay the waters of which are north of U.S. Highway 95; Tampa Bay landward of U.S. Highway 19 and Charlotte Harbor landward of U.S. Highway 41.

*NOTE.—Season opens at noon local time.

Mississippi Flyway

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily except as otherwise restricted.

Flywaywide Restrictions

In all States in the Mississippi Flyway selecting conventional regulations:

Mallards and black ducks—no more than 2 mallards or 2 black ducks or 1 of each daily nor more than 4 mallards or 4 black ducks or 4 in the aggregate in possession.

Wood ducks—no more than 2 wood ducks may be taken daily nor more than 4 wood ducks may be in possession, except in the Pymatuning Area of Ohio, the possession limit is 2 wood ducks.

Fulvous tree ducks—no more than 2 fulvou tree ducks may be taken daily nor more than 4 fulvous tree ducks may be in possession.

Hooded mergansers—no more than 1 hooded merganser may be taken daily nor more than 2 hooded mergansers may be in possession.

Mergansers—all mergansers are to be included within the daily bag and possession limits.

Under the conventional regulations and point system:

Canvasbacks and redheads—except in closed areas, the limit on canvasbacks and redheads is 1 canvasback daily and 1 in possession or 1 redhead daily and 1 in possession under conventional regulations. Under the point system canvasbacks and redheads count 100 points each except in closed areas.

The areas closed to canvasback and redhead hunting are:

Mississippi River—entire river, both sides, from Alton Dam upstream to Prescott, Wisconsin, at confluence of St. Croix River.

Alabama—Baldwin and Mobile Counties.

Louisiana—Caddo, St. Charles, and St. Mary Parishes; that portion of Ward 1 formerly designated as Ward 6 of St. Martin Parish; and Catahoula Lake in LaSalle and Rapides Parishes.

Michigan—Arenac, Bay, Huron, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair, Tuscola, and Wayne Counties, and those adjacent waters of Saginaw Bay south of a line extending from Point au Gres in Sec. 6, T18N, R7E (Arenac County) to Sand Point in Sec. 11, T17N, R9E (Huron County), the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and Lake Erie, under jurisdiction of the State of Michigan.

Minnesota—Sibley and Nicollet Counties, and the area encompassed by a line drawn as follows: beginning at the North Dakota border on U.S. Highway 2, thence east on U.S. Highway 2 to Bemidji, thence south on U.S. Highway 71 to U.S. Highway 12 at Willmar, thence west on U.S. Highway 12 to the South Dakota border, thence north on the South Dakota and North Dakota border to the point of beginning.

Ohio—Land and water areas comprising Erie, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties.

Tennessee—Kentucky Lake lying north of Interstate Highway 40.

Wisconsin—In the Mississippi River Zone, all that part of Wisconsin west of the CB&Q railroad in Grant, Crawford, Vernon, La-Crosse, Trempealeau, Buffalo, Pepin, and Pierce Counties. Also, Dodge and Winnebago Counties and the land and water areas extending 100 yards from the shorelines of Lake Poygan in Waushara County, Lake Winnebago in Calumet and Fond du Lac Counties, and Rush Lake, Fond du Lac County.

White-fronted geese—no more than 2 white-fronted geese may be taken daily or held in possession.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND DELINEATIONS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WITHIN STATES

The season dates for mergansers and coots are the same as those for ducks in the following tables:

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Alabama:			
Ducks	Dec. 3*-Jan. 20	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
In Russell and Barbour Counties	Closed season	—	—
In remainder of State	Nov. 12-Jan. 20	5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		1	2
White-fronted geese		2	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	4
Snow (including blue) geese		5	5
Arkansas:			
Ducks	Nov. 19*-Dec. 9; Dec. 17*-Jan. 14	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada geese	Dec. 16-Jan. 14	1	2
White-fronted geese	Nov. 6-Jan. 14	2	2
Snow (including blue) geese	Nov. 6-Jan. 14	5	5
Illinois:			
Ducks	Oct. 22*-Dec. 10	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese: [1] [2]		5	5
In Alexander, Jackson, Union and Williamson Counties.[3]	Nov. 24-Jan. 20		
In remainder of the State	Oct. 22*-Dec. 30		
For the entire State:			
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		2	4
White-fronted geese		2	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	4
Snow (including blue) geese		5	5
Indiana:			
Ducks	Oct. 29*-Dec. 2; Dec. 17*-Dec. 31	4	8
Including no more than:			
Mallards		2	4
Black ducks		2	4
Mallards and black ducks combined		2	4
Coots		15	30
Geese	Oct. 25-Dec. 2; Dec. 19-Jan. 18	5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		1	2
White-fronted geese		2	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	4
Snow (including blue) geese		5	5
Iowa:			
Ducks	Oct. 4-Oct. 11; Oct. 25-Nov. 30	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada geese	Oct. 1-Nov. 14	2	2
White-fronted geese	Oct. 1-Dec. 9	2	2
Snow (including blue) geese	Oct. 1-Dec. 9	5	5
Kentucky:			
Ducks	Nov. 10*-Nov. 26; Dec. 10*-Jan. 20	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese [1]	Nov. 12-Jan. 20	5	5
In Ballard, Hickman, Fulton, and Carlisle Counties:			
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		2	4
White-fronted geese		2	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	4
Snow (including blue) geese		5	5
In remainder of State:			
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		1	2
White-fronted geese		2	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	4
Snow (including blue) geese		5	5
Louisiana:			
Ducks:			
West Zone [5]	Nov. 1-Nov. 30; Dec. 10*-Jan. 3	Point system	
Remainder of State	Nov. 19*-Dec. 3; Dec. 17*-Jan. 20		
Coots		15	30
Canada geese	Closed season	—	—
Geese (except Canada geese):			
In areas east of Mississippi River (31°-33°N. lat.)	Same as Mississippi		
In remainder of State	Nov. 22-Nov. 30; Dec. 10-Feb. 8	5	5
Including no more than:			
White-fronted geese		2	2
Snow (including blue) geese		5	5
Michigan:			
Ducks	Oct. 8*-Nov. 26	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese:		5	5
Zone 1 [4]	Oct. 1-Nov. 30		
Zones 2 and 3 [4]	Oct. 8*-Nov. 30		
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		1	1
White-fronted geese		2	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	3
Snow (including blue) geese		5	5
Minnesota:			
Ducks	Oct. 1*-Nov. 19	4	8
Including no more than:			
Mallards		2	4
Black ducks		2	4
Mallards and black ducks combined		2	4
Coots		15	30

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	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Geese:			
In Lac Qui Parle Quota Zone (Canada, snow (including blue) and white-fronted geese).[3 6]	Oct. 1–Nov. 14	5	5
In Southeastern Zone (Canada, snow (including blue) and white-fronted geese).[4]	Oct. 1*–Dec. 9		
In remainder of State (Canada, snow (including blue) and white-fronted geese).	Oct. 1*–Nov. 14		
In all areas, including no more than:			
Canada geese		1	2
White-fronted geese		2	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	4
Snow (including blue) geese		5	5
Mississippi:			
Ducks	Dec. 3*–Jan. 20	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
In areas west of Mississippi River (31°-33°N. Lat.)	Same as Louisiana		
In remainder of State	Oct. 4–Nov. 3; Dec. 13–Jan. 20	5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada geese:			
In Issaquena, Sharkey, Washington, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha and Winston Counties.	Closed season	—	—
In Lafayette, Marshall, and Panola Counties		1	2
In remainder of State		2	2
White-fronted geese		2	2
Canada and white-fronted combined:			
In Lafayette, Marshall, and Panola Counties		3	4
In remainder of State		4	4
Snow (including blue) geese		5	5
Missouri:			
Ducks	Oct. 29*–Dec. 17	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese [1]		5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada geese:			
Lower Mississippi area, east of Interstate Highway 55 and south of Crystal City.	Dec. 7–Jan. 20	2	4
In Swan Lake Area [2 4]	Oct. 29*–Dec. 12	1	2
In remainder of State	Oct. 29*–Dec. 12	2	2
White-fronted geese	Oct. 29*–Jan. 6	2	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	4
Snow (including blue) geese	Oct. 29*–Jan. 6	5	5
Ohio:			
In Pymatuning area: [4]			
Ducks	Oct. 15*–Nov. 22; Dec. 3*–Dec. 13	4	8
Including no more than:			
Black ducks		2	4
Wood ducks		2	2
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 15*–Dec. 6; Jan. 1–Jan. 17	1	2
Snow (including blue) geese	Oct. 15*–Nov. 13	2	4
In remainder of State:			
Ducks	Oct. 22*–Dec. 3; Dec. 31*–Jan. 6	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese	Oct. 22*–Dec. 23; Dec. 31*–Jan. 6	5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada		1	2
White-fronted geese		2	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	4
Snow (including blue) geese		5	5
Tennessee:			
Ducks	Dec. 3*–Jan. 20	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese	Nov. 12–Jan. 20	5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada geese:			
In Canada goose restoration area [7]	Closed season	—	—
In Shelby, Lake, Tipton, Lauderdale, Dyer, and Obion Counties.		2	2
In remainder of State		1	2
White-fronted geese		2	2
Canada and white-fronted combined:			
In Shelby, Lake, Tipton, Lauderdale, Dyer, and Obion Counties.		4	4
In remainder of State except Counties closed to Canada goose hunting.		3	4
Snow (including blue) geese		5	5

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	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Wisconsin:			
Ducks	Oct. 1*–Nov. 19	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
In Horicon Zone [4]	Oct. 9–Oct. 26	1	1
In remainder of State:	Oct. 1*–Dec. 9	5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada geese [2]		1	2
White-fronted geese		2	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	4
Snow (including blue) geese		5	5

[1] Notwithstanding the provisions of § 20.39, geese taken in the States of Illinois, Kentucky, and Missouri may not be transported or delivered for transportation by common carrier, the Postal Service, or by any person except as the personal baggage of the hunter who took the birds.

[2] In the States of Illinois and Wisconsin, the kill of Canada geese will be limited to 28,000 birds in each State. In the Swan Lake area of Missouri, the kill of Canada geese will be limited to 25,000 birds. In the Lac Qui Parle area of Minnesota, the kill of Canada geese will be limited to 4,000 birds. When it is determined by the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, that the quota of Canada geese allotted to the State of Illinois, the Swan Lake area of Missouri, or the Lac Qui Parle area of Minnesota will have been killed, the season for taking Canada geese in the respective areas will be closed by the Director upon giving public notice through local information media at least 48 hours in advance of the time and day of closing.

[3] Shooting hours for geese are sunrise until 3 p.m. local time.

[4] For description of zones or management units within a State, see State regulations.

[5] In Louisiana the West Zone is that portion of Louisiana west of a line beginning at the Arkansas-Louisiana border on Louisiana Highway 3; thence south along Louisiana Highway 3 to Shreveport; thence east along Interstate 20 to Minden; thence south along Louisiana Highway 7 to Ringgold; thence east along Louisiana Highway 4 to Jonesboro; thence south along U.S. Highway 167 to Lafayette; thence southeast along U.S. Highway 90 to Houma; thence south along the Houma Navigation Channel to the Gulf of Mexico through Cat Island Pass.

[6] In Minnesota the Lac Qui Parle Quota Zone is that area encompassed by a line drawn as follows: beginning at Montevideo thence west on U.S. Highway 212 to U.S. Highway 75, thence north on U.S. Highway 75 to State Highway 7 at Odessa, thence north on County State Aid Highway 21, Big Stone County, to U.S. Highway 12, thence east on U.S. Highway 12 to County State Aid Highway 17, Swift County, thence south on C.S.A.H. 17 and C.S.A.H. 9, Chippewa County, to State Highway 40, thence east on State Highway 40 to State Highway 29, thence south on State Highway 29 to point of beginning at Montevideo.

[7] In Tennessee, the Canada Goose Restoration Area consists of the following Counties, or portions thereof: Anderson, Bedford, Blount, Cheatham, Coffee, Cumberland, Davidson, Dickson, Fayette, Franklin, Henderson, Jackson, Knox, Lincoln, Loudon, Maury, Moore, Putnam, Rutherford, Smith, Sumner, Trousdale, Williamson, and Wilson-Roane (north of Highway 70 and east of Highways 95 and 58); and Shelby (east of Highway 51).

*NOTE.—Season opens at noon local time.

Central Flyway

Including Central Flyway portions only of Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily except as otherwise restricted.

Flywaywide Restrictions

Mexican Ducks—The season is closed throughout the Flyway.

Canvasbacks and redheads—The areas closed to canvasback and redhead hunting are:

North Dakota—all that portion east of State Highway 3, including all portions of 27 counties.

South Dakota—the Counties of Brookings, Codington, Day, Kingsbury, Roberts, Marshall, and Hamlin.

Texas—the Counties of Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson and Orange.

Mergansers—all mergansers are to be included within the daily bag and possession limits under conventional and point system regulations.

Ross' geese—no more than 1 Ross' goose may be taken daily or held in possession.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND DELINEATIONS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WITHIN STATES

The season dates for mergansers and coots are the same as those for ducks in the following tables:

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Colorado:			
Ducks	Oct. 4–Oct. 14; Nov. 8–Jan. 18	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese	Nov. 8–Jan. 18	2	4
Kansas:			
Ducks:		Point system	
In High Plains area	Oct. 18–Dec. 7; Dec. 20–Jan. 18		
In remainder of State	Oct. 18–Dec. 7; Dec. 20–Dec. 28		
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada geese	Oct. 18–Dec. 21	1	2
White-fronted geese	Oct. 18–Dec. 21	1	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	2
Snow (including blue) geese	Oct. 18–Dec. 28	5	5
Montana			
Ducks	Oct. 4–Dec. 2; Dec. 13–Jan. 4	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese	Oct. 4–Jan. 4	2	4
Nebraska:			
Ducks		Point system	
In High Plains area	Oct. 11–Jan. 1		
In remainder of State	Oct. 4–Oct. 12; Oct. 25–Dec. 14		
Geese		5	5
North Central area: [1]			
Canada and white-fronted geese	Closed	—	—
Snow (including blue) geese	Oct. 4–Oct. 24; Nov. 1–Dec. 21	5	5
Central area: [2]			
Canada and white-fronted geese	Oct. 4–Oct. 24; Nov. 1–Dec. 7		
Canada geese		1	2
White-fronted geese		1	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	2
Snow (including blue) geese	Oct. 4–Oct. 24; Nov. 1–Dec. 21	5	5

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	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Remainder of State	Oct. 4–Oct. 24; Nov. 1–Dec. 21		
Canada geese		1	2
White-fronted geese		1	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	2
Snow (including blue) geese		5	5
New Mexico:			
Ducks (except Mexican duck)	Oct. 28–Jan. 18	Point system	
Mexican ducks	Closed season	—	—
Coots		15	30
Geese:			
In Bernalillo, Sandoval, Sierra, Valencia, and Socorro [3] Counties.	Dec. 27–Jan. 11	1	2
In remainder of State	Oct. 28–Jan. 18	2	4
North Dakota:			
Ducks	Oct. 4–Nov. 30; Dec. 6–7	6	12
Including no more than:			
Mallards, including no more than 1 hen in the daily bag and 2 in possession.		3	6
Wood ducks		2	4
Canvasback or redhead		1	1
Hooded merganser		1	2
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada geese	Oct. 4–Nov. 16	1	2
White-fronted geese	Oct. 4–Dec. 14	2	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	2
Snow (including blue) geese	Oct. 4–Dec. 14	5	5
Oklahoma:			
Ducks		Point system	
In High Plains area	Oct. 11–Jan. 1		
In remainder of State	Oct. 25–Nov. 15; Nov. 27–Jan. 3		
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
In Alfalfa, Bryan, Johnson, and Marshall Counties	Nov. 15–Jan. 6		
In remainder of State	Oct. 11–Oct. 26; Nov. 15–Jan. 9		
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		2	2
White-fronted geese		1	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	2
Snow (including blue) geese		5	5
South Dakota:			
Ducks		Point system	
In High Plains area	Oct. 4–Dec. 2; Dec. 13–Jan. 4		
In remainder of State	Oct. 4–Dec. 2		
Coots		15	30
Geese		5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada geese	Oct. 4–Nov. 30	1	2
White-fronted geese	Oct. 4–Nov. 30	1	2
Canada and white-fronted combined		2	2
Snow (including blue) geese	Oct. 4–Dec. 14	5	5
Texas:			
Ducks (except Mexican, fulvous tree and black-bellied tree duck)		Point system	
In High Plains area	Oct. 28–Jan. 18		
In remainder of State	Nov. 1–Nov. 30; Dec. 20–Jan. 18		
Mexican, fulvous tree and black-bellied tree ducks	Closed season	—	—
Geese:			
East of Highway 81	Nov. 1–Dec. 12; Dec. 20–Jan. 18	5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada and white-fronted combined		1	2
Snow (including blue) geese		5	5
West of Highway 81	Oct. 18–Jan. 18	2	4
Wyoming:			
Ducks	Oct. 4–Nov. 2; Nov. 20–Jan. 11	Point system	
Coots		15	30
Geese	Oct. 11–Jan. 11	2	4

[1] That portion of Nebraska encompassed by a line from the South Dakota border south on Nebraska Highway 27 to Ellsworth, east on Nebraska Highway 2 to Dunning, northeast on Nebraska Highway 91 to Burwell, north on Nebraska Highway 11 to Atkinson, west on U.S. Highway 20 to Valentine, and north on U.S. Highway 83 to the South Dakota border.

[2] That portion of Nebraska encompassed by a line from Hyannis south on State Highway 61 to its junction with State Highway 92, west on State Highway 92 to its junction with U.S. Highway 26, east on U.S. Highway 26 to its junction with U.S. Highway 30, east on U.S. Highway 30 to its junction with U.S. Highway 183, north on U.S. Highway 183 to its junction with State Highway 91, west on State Highway 91 to its junction with State Highway 2 and west on State Highway 2 to its junction with State Highway 61 at Hyannis.

[3] See State regulations for special restrictions on Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.

(f) *Pacific Flyway* including Pacific Flyway portions only of Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

Flywaywide Restrictions

In all States in the Pacific Flyway:

Mexican ducks—The season is closed on Mexican ducks throughout the Flyway.

Aleutian Canada geese—The season is closed on Aleutian Canada geese throughout the Flyway.

Canvasbacks/Redheads—No more than 2 canvasbacks or 2 redheads or 1 of each may be taken daily nor more than 4 singly or in the aggregate may be in possession. A further restriction applies to canvasback in a designated area of California.

Hooded mergansers—no more than 1 hooded merganser may be taken daily nor more than 2 may be in possession.

Dark geese—no more than 3 dark (Canada and white-fronted) geese may be taken daily nor more than 6 may be in possession.

Snow geese—no more than 3 snow geese may be taken daily nor more than 6 may be in possession.

Ross' geese—no more than 1 Ross' goose may be taken daily or held in possession.

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The season dates for mergansers, coots, and gallinules are the same as those for ducks in the following tables:

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Arizona:			
Ducks (except Mexican)	Oct. 4–Oct. 31; Nov. 15–Jan. 18	7	14
Mexican ducks	Closed season	—	—
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese	Oct. 4–Oct. 17; Nov. 15–Jan. 4	5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		2	2
White-fronted geese		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined		2	2
Snow geese		3	3
California:			
Tule Lake:			
Ducks	Oct. 11–Jan. 11	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese	Oct. 11–Jan. 11	6	6
Including no more than:			
Canada geese and white-fronted geese (singly or in the aggregate).		3	6
Snow geese		3	6
Tehachapi area (except District 22):			
Ducks	Oct. 18–Jan. 18	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese		6	6
Including no more than:			
Canada geese	Nov. 1–Jan. 4	2	2
White-fronted geese	Oct. 18–Jan. 18	3	6
Canada and white-fronted geese combined		3	6
Snow geese	Oct. 18–Jan. 18	3	6
District 22 except Colorado River area:			
Ducks	Oct. 18–Jan. 18	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese		6	6
Canada geese	Oct. 18–Dec. 21	1	1
White-fronted geese	Oct. 18–Jan. 18	3	6
Canada and white-fronted geese combined		3	6
Snow geese	Oct. 18–Jan. 18	3	6
Colorado River area:			
Ducks	Oct. 4–Oct. 31; Nov. 15–Jan. 18	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese	Oct. 4–Oct. 17; Nov. 15–Jan. 4	5	5
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		2	2
White-fronted geese		2	2
Canada and white-fronted geese combined		2	2
Snow geese		3	3
Remainder of State:			
Ducks [1]	Oct. 18–Jan. 18	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese		6	6
Including no more than:			
Canada geese:			
Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino.	Closed season	—	—
Sacramento Valley area [2]	Dec. 15–Jan. 18	3	6
San Joaquin Valley area [3]	Oct. 18–Dec. 15	3	6
Remaining areas	Oct. 18–Jan. 18	3	6
White-fronted geese	Oct. 18–Jan. 18	3	6
Canada and white-fronted geese combined		3	6
Snow geese	Oct. 18–Jan. 18	3	6
Statewide: Brant	Jan. 17–Feb. 22	4	8
Colorado:			
Ducks	Oct. 4–Oct. 17; Nov. 1–Jan. 18	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (single or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese	Oct. 11–Dec. 14	6	6
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		2	2
White-fronted geese		3	6
Canada and white-fronted geese combined		3	6
Snow geese		3	6
Idaho:			
Ducks:			
Columbia Basin	Oct. 4–Jan. 11	7	14
Remainder of State	Oct. 4–Jan. 4	7	14
Mergansers:			
Columbia Basin	Oct. 4–Jan. 11	5	10
Remainder of State	Oct. 4–Jan. 4	5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Columbia Basin	Oct. 4–Jan. 11		
Remainder of State	Oct. 4–Jan. 4		
Geese:			
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		2	
White-fronted geese		3	6
Canada and white-fronted geese combined		3	6
Snow geese		3	6
East of Highway 93	Oct. 11–Dec. 14		
West of Highway 93 (except 10 north counties)	Oct. 11–Dec. 28		
10 north counties	Oct. 4–Jan. 4		

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Montana:			
Ducks	Oct. 4–Jan. 4	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese:			
East of Continental Divide	Oct. 4–Dec. 7	6	6
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		2	2
White-fronted geese		3	6
Canada and white-fronted geese combined		3	6
Snow geese		3	6
West of Continental Divide			
Including no more than:			
Canada geese	Oct. 4–Dec. 28	2	2
White-fronted geese	Oct. 4–Jan. 4	3	6
Canada and white-fronted geese combined		3	6
Snow geese	Oct. 4–Jan. 4	3	6
Nevada:			
Clark and Lincoln Counties:			
Ducks	Oct. 4–Oct. 31; Nov. 15–Jan. 18	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese	Nov. 15–Jan. 4	6	6
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		2	2
White-fronted geese		3	6
Canada and white-fronted geese combined		3	6
Snow geese		3	6
Remainder of State:			
Ducks	Oct. 4–Jan. 4	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese	Oct. 18–Jan. 18	6	6
Including no more than:			
Canada geese and white-fronted geese (singly or in the aggregate).		3	6
Snow geese		3	6
New Mexico:			
Ducks	Oct. 4–Jan. 4	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese:			
South of U.S. Highway 66	Oct. 4–Dec. 7	2	2
North of U.S. Highway 66	Closed	—	—
Oregon:			
Baker and Malheur Counties:			
Ducks	Oct. 11–Jan. 18	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese	Oct. 11–Dec. 28	6	6
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		2	2
White-fronted geese		3	6
Canada and white-fronted geese combined		3	6
Snow geese		3	6
Morrow, Umatilla, Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco, Union, and Wallowa Counties:			
Ducks	Oct. 11–Jan. 18	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in aggregate)		25	25
Geese	Oct. 11–Jan. 18	6	6
Including no more than:			
Canada and white-fronted geese (singly or in the aggregate).		3	6
Snow geese		3	6
Remainder of State:			
Ducks	Oct. 11–Jan. 1	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese	Oct. 11–Jan. 11	6	6
Including no more than:			
Canada and white-fronted geese (singly or in the aggregate).		3	6
Snow geese		3	6
Statewide: Brant	Nov. 22–Feb. 22	4	8
Utah:			
Ducks	Oct. 4–Jan. 4	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese:			
Washington County	Nov. 8–Jan. 4	6	6
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		2	2
White-fronted geese		3	6
Canada and white-fronted geese combined		3	6
Snow geese		3	6
Remainder of State	Oct. 11–Dec. 14		
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		2	2
White-fronted geese		3	6
Canada and white-fronted geese combined		3	6
Snow geese		3	6

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Washington:			
East 10-county area:			
Ducks	Oct. 11–Jan. 18	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese	Oct. 11–Jan. 18	3	6
Including no more than:			
Canada and white-fronted geese (singly or in the aggregate).		3	6
Snow geese		3	6
Remainder east of Cascade Mountains:			
Ducks	Oct. 11–Jan. 18	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese	Oct. 11–Jan. 11	3	6
Including no more than:			
Canada and white-fronted geese (singly or in the aggregate).		3	6
Snow geese		3	6
West of Cascade Mountains:			
Ducks	Oct. 11–Jan. 11	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots and/or gallinules (singly or in the aggregate)		25	25
Geese:			
Island, Skagit, San Juan, and Whatcom Counties	Oct. 11–Dec. 7	2	4
Remainder West of Cascade Mountains	Oct. 11–Jan. 11	3	6
Including no more than:			
Canada and white-fronted geese (singly or in the aggregate)		3	6
Snow geese		3	6
Statewide: Brant	Nov. 22–Feb. 22	4	8
Wyoming:			
Ducks	Oct. 4–Jan. 4	7	14
Mergansers		5	10
Coots		25	25
Geese	Oct. 4–Nov. 17; Nov. 29–Dec. 28	6	6
Including no more than:			
Canada geese		2	2
White-fronted geese		3	6
Canada and white-fronted geese combined		3	6
Snow geese		3	6

[1] In California the limit on canvasbacks is 1 canvasback daily and 1 in possession in the following area: San Francisco Bay-Suisun Area—beginning at Golden Gate Bridge, north on U.S. Highway 101 to State Highway 37; then east on State Highway 37 to U.S. Highway 80; then north on U.S. Highway 80 to State Highway 12 at Fairfield; then east on State Highway 12 to Rio Vista at State Highway 84 (160); then south on State Highway 84 (160) to State Highway 4; then west on State Highway 4 to U.S. Highway 80; then south on U.S. Highway 80 to State Highway 17; then south on State Highway 17 to U.S. Highway 101 at San Jose; then north on U.S. Highway 101 to point of beginning.

[2] In California the Sacramento Valley Area is encompassed as follows: beginning at the town of Willows in Glenn County, proceeding south on Interstate Highway 5 to the junction of State Highway 20 near the town of Williams in Colusa County; thence easterly on State Highway 20 to the junction of State Highway 45 in the town of Colusa; thence northerly on State Highway 45 to its junction with State Highway 162; thence continuing northerly on State Highways 45–162 to the town of Glenn, thence westerly on State Highway 162 to the point of beginning.

[3] In California the San Joaquin Valley Area is encompassed as follows: beginning at the city of Modesto in Stanislaus County, proceeding west on State Highway 132 to the junction of Interstate 5; thence southerly on Interstate 5 to the junction of State Highway 152 in Merced County; thence easterly on State Highway 152 to the junction of State Highway 59; thence northerly on State Highway 59 to the junction of State Highway 99 at the city of Merced; thence northerly and westerly to the point of beginning.

(g) *Point system—Ducks, mergansers, and coots.* The States selecting the point system bag limits on designated species on a Statewide basis in place of the conventional bag limits are listed in the table under § 20.105(e).

(1) The point values for the species and sexes taken are as follows:

Atlantic Flyway

100 points	70 points	10 points	25 points
Florida only: Fulvous tree duck Canvasback/redhead in designated areas.	Hen mallard Black duck Mottled duck Wood duck Hooded merganser	Blue-winged teal Green-winged teal Shoveler Pintail Gadwall Scaup Sea ducks Mergansers (exc. hooded)	All other sexes and species of ducks, including drake mallards (except canvasbacks and redheads).

Mississippi Flyway

100 points	90 points	10 points	35 points
Canvasback and redhead, except where closed.	Hen mallard Wood duck Black duck [1] Hooded merganser	Pintail Blue-winged teal Green-winged teal Cinnamon Teal Shoveler Gadwall Scaup	All other species of ducks, including drake mallards and mergansers, (exc. hooded).

[1] The point value for the black duck in Wisconsin is 100 points.

Central Flyway

100 points	70 points	10 points	20 points
High plains area: Canvasback/redhead, except where closed.	Hen mallard Wood duck Hooded merganser	Blue-winged teal Green-winged teal Cinnamon teal Pintail Gadwall Shoveler Scaup Mergansers (exc. hooded)	All other species of ducks including drake mallards. (Season is closed on Mexican ducks.)
100 points	**70 points**	**10 points**	**25 points**
Remainder of the Central Flyway: Canvasback/redhead, except where closed.	Hen mallard Wood duck Hooded merganser	Blue-winged teal Green-winged teal Cinnamon teal Pintail Gadwall Shoveler Scaup Mergansers (exc. hooded)	All other species of ducks, including drake mallards. (Season is closed on Mexican ducks.)

Pacific Flyway: There is no point system in the Pacific Flyway.

Coots have no point value but conventional bag limits of 15 daily and 30 in possession apply.

Mergansers are included in the duck bag under the point system.

(2) The daily bag limit is reached when the point value of the last bird taken added to the sum of the point values of the other birds already taken during that day reaches or exceeds 100 points. The possession limit is the maximum number of birds of species and sex which could have legally been taken in 2 days. The shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset daily.

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(h) *Scaup only season.* A special open hunting season for scaup only is prescribed according to the following table in those areas which are described, delineated, and designated in the hunting regulations of the respective States.

Daily bag limit 5
Possession limit 10
Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

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Seasons in the Atlantic Flyway:

Connecticut	Jan. 16–Jan. 31.
Florida	Jan. 21–Jan. 31.
Maryland	Nov. 22–Dec. 7.
Massachusetts	Dec. 29–Jan. 13.
New Hampshire	Dec. 14–Dec. 29.
New Jersey	Jan. 9–Jan. 24.
New York:	
Long Island only	Jan. 10–Jan. 25.
Upstate Zone	Dec. 20–Jan. 4.
Rhode Island	Jan. 11–Jan. 26.
Virginia	Jan. 15–Jan. 30.

Seasons in the Mississippi Flyway:

Louisiana	Jan. 21–Jan. 31.
Michigan	Nov. 27–Dec. 12.
Ohio	Dec. 5–Dec. 20.
Wisconsin	Nov. 20–Dec. 5.

(i) *Extra teal during regular season.* An open hunting season for teal ducks (blue-winged only) is prescribed according to the following table. The daily bag and possession limits specified here are in addition to any other bag and possession limits specified elsewhere.

Daily bag limit 2
Possession limit 4
Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

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Seasons in the Atlantic Flyway:

Connecticut	Oct. 15*–Oct. 23.
Delaware	Nov. 5*–Nov. 13.
Georgia	Nov. 19*–Nov. 27.
Maine	Oct. 8*–Oct. 16.
Massachusetts	Oct. 15*–Oct. 23.
New Hampshire	Oct. 1*–Oct. 9.
New York:	
Upstate	Oct. 8*–Oct. 16.
Lake Champlain	Oct. 8*–Oct. 16.
Long Island	Closed.
South Carolina	Nov. 19*–Nov. 27.
Vermont	Oct. 8*–Oct. 16.
West Virginia	Oct. 2–Oct. 10.

Seasons in the Mississippi Flyway:

None.

Seasons in the Central Flyway:

North Dakota ..... Oct. 4–Oct. 12.

Seasons in the Pacific Flyway:

None.

*NOTE.—Season opens at noon local time.

(j) *Extra scaup during regular season.* The following States may take an extra bag limit on scaup of two daily and four in possession during the regular duck hunting season. This extra limit is in addition to the regular duck bag limits and unless otherwise specified, it may be taken during the entire regular duck season.

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Seasons in the Atlantic Flyway:

Delaware	Nov. 5*–Nov. 29; Dec. 17*–Jan. 10.
Georgia	Nov. 19*–Dec. 3; Dec. 17*–Jan. 20.
Maine	Oct. 8*–Nov. 1; Nov. 19*–Dec. 13.
Pennsylvania	Oct. 15*–Nov. 22; Dec. 3*–Dec. 13.
South Carolina	Nov. 19*–Nov. 29; Dec. 10*–Jan. 17.
West Virginia	Oct. 1*–Oct. 18; Dec. 17*–Jan. 17.

Seasons in the Mississippi Flyway:

Indiana	Oct. 29*–Dec. 2; Dec. 17*–Dec. 31.

*NOTE.—Season opens at noon local time.

(k) *Special scaup and goldeneye season.* A special open hunting season for scaup and goldeneye is prescribed according to the following table in the Lake Champlain areas which are described, delineated, and designated in the hunting regulations of the respective States.

The daily bag limit is 3 scaup or 3 goldeneyes or 3 in the aggregate.

The possession limit is 6 scaup or 6 goldeneyes or 6 in the aggregate.

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

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Seasons in the Lake Champlain Area Only:

New York	Nov. 27–Dec. 12.
Vermont	Nov. 27–Dec. 12.

Section 20.106 is revised as follows:

§ 20.106 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for little brown cranes.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, open seasons are prescribed for taking little brown cranes with a daily bag limit of three and a possession limit of six, and with shooting hours from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, in the following areas for the dates indicated:

(a) In the Central Flyway portion of Colorado, except in San Luis Valley and North Park, season dates are October 4 through November 8, 1975.

(b) In the New Mexico counties of Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay, and Roosevelt, and in that portion of the State of Texas lying west of a line running south from the Oklahoma border along U.S. Highway 287 to U.S. Highway 87 at Dumas, along U.S. Highway 87 and including all of Howard and Lynn Counties to U.S. Highway 277 at San Angelo, and along U.S. Highway 277 to the International Toll Bridge in Del

Rio, season dates are October 25, 1975, through January 25, 1976.

(c) In that portion of Oklahoma lying west of U.S. Highway 81, and in that portion of Texas lying east of a line running south from the Oklahoma border along U.S. Highway 287 to U.S. Highway 87 at Dumas, then along U.S. Highway 87 to San Angelo, and lying west of a line running north from San Angelo along U.S. Highway 277 to Abilene, along State Highway 351 to Albany, along U.S. Highway 283 to Vernon, and then along U.S. Highway 183 east to the Oklahoma border, season dates are November 29, 1975, through January 25, 1976.

(d) In the North Dakota counties of Kidder, Stutsman, Benson, Emmons, Pierce, McLean, Sheridan, and Burleigh, and in part of South Dakota described as follows: from the North Dakota border, south on U.S. Highway 83 to U.S. Highway 212, west on U.S. Highway 212 to the Promise Road, north on the Promise Road to State Highway 20, north on State Highway 20 to U.S. Highway 12, northwest on U.S. Highway 12 to State Highway 63, north on State Highway 63 to the North Dakota border, the season dates are November 8 through December 7, 1975.

(e) In Phillips County, Montana, the season dates are October 4 through November 9, 1975.

(f) In Platte and Goshen Counties, Wyoming, the season dates are October 11 through November 9, 1975.

(g) Every hunter participating in the lesser sandhill (little brown) crane hunting season must obtain and carry in his possession while hunting lesser sandhill cranes a Federal lesser sandhill crane hunting permit available without cost from conservation agencies in the States where crane hunting seasons are allowed. The permit must be displayed to an authorized law enforcement official upon request.

Section 20.107 is revised as follows.

§ 20.107 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for whistling swans.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, open seasons are prescribed for taking a limited number of whistling swans in the States of Montana, Nevada, and Utah, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The season must run concurrently with the season for ducks.

(b) In Montana, no more than 500 permits may be issued authorizing each permittee to take one whistling swan in the County of Teton. The season dates are October 4, 1975, through January 4, 1976.

(c) In Nevada, no more than 500 permits may be issued authorizing each permittee to take one whistling swan in the County of Churchill. The season dates are October 4, 1975, through January 4, 1976.

(d) In Utah, no more than 2,500 permits may be issued authorizing each permittee to take one whistling swan. The season dates are October 4, 1975, through January 4, 1976.

(e) Permit forms and correspondingly numbered metal locking seals furnished by the Service must be issued by the appropriate Department of Game and Fish on an equitable basis without charge. Each person must have been issued, and carry on his person while hunting, a properly validated 1975–76 whistling swan permit. When a whistling swan has been killed by a hunter and reduced to possession, the hunter must immediately attach and lock the metal seal and the proper portion of his numbered permit around the right wing of the swan close to its body.

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